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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 21, 2003, said period of response being extended from January 21, 2004, to February 23, 2004 (with February 21 and 22, 2004 being a Saturday and Sunday).

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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